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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

AMERICA AND THE WAR.

Demand for Release of "Yarrowdale" Prisoners.

London, February 22.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that a Note was despatched to Berlin on Monday demanding the release of the Yarrowdale prisoners, owing to the absence of a satisfactory response to the previous enquiry. No time-limit has been fixed.

Germany's Decision.

Later.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, a Berlin official announcement states that the American prisoners taken from the Yarrowdale will be released after Germany has been officially informed that German ships in America will not be confiscated or their crews interned.

America's Need of Friends.

London, February 22.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate has decided that the Colombian Treaty indemnifying Colombia for the loss of Panama cannot be ratified this Session, despite a letter by President Wilson urging ratification as an act of justice and "because it is possible we shall need in the immediate future all the friends we can secure in Central America, where our interests are critical."

Food Scarcity in New York.

London, February 22.

Reuter's correspondent at New York states that the Mayor has received three deputations of East-side women who tearfully declared that their children were starving owing to the dearth of food. The deputations urged a Municipal appropriation of a million dollars for the purchase of provisions for the poor. The Mayor promised to investigate the conditions.

Full Powers to be Asked For.

London, February 22.

A message from Washington says it is authoritatively stated that President Wilson, while not asking Congress for declarations of war, will request full powers to protect American seamen and ships from submarine.

This procedure is similar to that followed prior to the Spanish-American War.

MORALE OF GERMAN TROOPS.

Official Admission of Deterioration.

London, February 21.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters, a copy of an Order by General von Hindenburg, which has been captured, states:—"The operations at Verdun in October and December are serious and regrettable reverses. Incapable officers must be ruthlessly removed. The number of prisoners is unusually large for German troops. Some evidently surrendered without offering serious resistance and without suffering heavy losses. This shows that the morale of the Home troops was low, and the reason thereof must be most carefully investigated. The old spirit of the German infantry must be revived by the strictest drill, inter alia. This is a matter of vital importance."

FIGHT IN A CAMP.

Bloodshed Among Prussians and Bavarians.

London, February 22.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Maastricht, the newspaper *Les Nouvelles* says a sanguinary fight took place between Bavarians and Prussians in a camp at Deverloo last week, in which 32 were killed and 200 wounded.

HOW GERMANY EMPLOYS WAR PRISONERS.

London, February 22.

A message from Amsterdam says Herr Graeber has informed the Reichstag Committee that 750,000 prisoners of war are employed as farm labourers and that their number will be increased. The garrisons in occupied territories will be employed on farms.

THE NEW FRIGHTFULNESS.

Two Small Losses.

London, February 22.

The small British steamer *Brigade* and the sailing ship *Centurion* have been sunk.

A Sensational Discovery.

London, February 22.

Reuter's correspondent at Madrid says it is officially announced that a buoy containing thirty-one cases with spare parts for German submarines has been discovered in the vicinity of Carthagena. Three Germans have been arrested in connection with the discovery.

London, February 22.

Reuter's correspondent at Madrid says that the Government is determined to investigate thoroughly the buoy incident, and to severely punish all those implicated, to demonstrate the strictness of Spanish neutrality.

A PRIZE COURT DECISION.

London, February 22.

The Prize Court has disallowed the claim by Lieutenant Commander Boyle, V.C., commanding the submarine *E. 14*, for prize money for the sinking of the *Sea of Marmara* of a transport with 5,000 troops on board, all of whom were drowned, but has allowed the claim in respect of the Turkish gunboat sunk at the same time.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE WORK OF OUR NAVY.

Dealing with the Submarine Menace.

London, February 21.

In the House of Commons, Sir Edward Carson, in his speech introducing the Naval Estimates, said the number of armed merchantmen had been increased by over 47 per cent. during the last two months, and arming was being improved weekly. Sixty-nine Allied and neutral steamers each of over 1,000 tons, totalling 201,000 tons, were sunk during the first eighteen days of December; sixty-five of a total tonnage of 182,523 were sunk during the same period in January; and eight-nine of a total tonnage of 268,631 were sunk during the same period in February. Altogether 118, 91 and 134 vessels respectively had been sunk during these periods. From February 1 to February 18, 6,176 ships arrived and 5,873 ships left the United Kingdom. He estimated that there were 3,000 ships in the danger zone at any one time.

Continuing, Sir Edward said we had forty encounters with submarines during February. That was an enormous achievement. Regarding the fate of these submarines, official reports showed every degree of certainty to improbability. He selected as an instance of certainty the case of the capture of a submarine with its crew by a destroyer, and mentioned as a case of uncertainty an instance in which an airship dropped a bomb on a spot just where a submarine had immediately previously submerged.

Regarding shipbuilding, Sir Edward declared that no single ship would be unoccupied during the coming months, while steps had been taken to reconcile the competing claims of warships and merchantmen. He appealed to the nation to consent to the restrictions on imports in order to make the Admiralty's task easier.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

A German Claim.

London, February 22.

A German official wireless message states:—"To the south of Arras the British forced a way to our positions, but we ejected them. We counted two hundred British dead."

THE BALKAN FRONT.

German Sunrise Attacks.

London, February 22.

A German official wireless message states:—"Between the Danube and the wooded Carpathians our surprise attacks succeeded. We drove back an English attempt to the east of the Vardar."

A Dense Enemy Attack.

London, February 22.

A Russian official wireless message states:—"A dense attack by the enemy to the north-west of the Dornavatra failed."

Good Work by Russian Artillery.

London, February 22.

A Rumanian communique states:—"Violent reciprocal artillery firing has taken place on the northern frontier of Western Moldavia. Russian artillery was active elsewhere, dispersing the enemy and destroying positions."

Renewed Livelihood.

London, February 22.

A French communique from Salonica states that there has been artillery activity along the whole front, and patrol encounters near Serres and on the Kakovo front.

We raided a crest near Lake Doiran and took prisoners. Two enemy counter-attacks here were repulsed.

Our aviators were most active. There were several successful air fights. We bombed enemy columns near Serres and Melnik.

THE PERSIAN SITUATION.

Relieved by Mesopotamian Successes.

London, February 21.

In the House of Lords, Lord Carson emphasised that the situation in Persia had been materially assisted by the British successes in Mesopotamia, which had caused the Turks 15,000 casualties and great loss of prestige. This would necessitate the bringing of further Turkish reinforcements from the Caucasus, easing the position of the Russians and ourselves in the East. The rebellion of the Grand Sherief, who seemed in a fair way towards consolidating the Arab world against the Turks, also tended to relieve the situation in Persia, which was not altogether free of anxiety, but he thought he might say the worst was over. The Persian link in the great German chain of ambition and aggrandisement stretching from Europe to Asia had been forcibly twisted aside, if not broken. It would be Britain's object to see that link broken and never re-forged.

MINIMUM PRICES FOR CORN.

London, February 22.

The *Daily Chronicle* states that the Government has decided to guarantee minimum prices on home-grown wheat and oats for three years after the war.

A CRISIS BREWING IN NORWAY.

London, February 22.

Reuter's correspondent at Christiania says that there is considerable dissatisfaction in Norway at the Government's policy at home and abroad, owing to economic conditions and the recent friction with Britain. There is a strong movement in favour of the formation of a National Government.

MR. GERARD IN MADRID.

London, February 22.

Reuter's correspondent at Madrid says that Mr. Gerard has arrived.

NO EXCHANGE OF CIVILIAN PRISONERS.

London, February 22.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George stated that the idea of a general exchange of civilian prisoners had been abandoned.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

GERMANY'S FOOD PROBLEM.

Supply of Potatoes Stopped.

London, February 22.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the Prussian Minister of Interior, in a Proclamation, admits that the frost has completely stopped the supply of potatoes, the stocks of which are certain to be exhausted before the new harvest. This has strained the weak available stocks of corn owing to the necessity of distributing flour in the great cities. He therefore orders the rural authorities to take severe measures to compel farmers to supply foodstuffs.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE VALUE OF ARMING MERCHANTMEN.

London, February 21.

Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, mentioned (in the course of his statement on the Naval Estimates in the House of Commons) that seventy-five per cent. of the armed and twenty-four per cent. of the unarmed merchantmen had escaped after submarine attacks.

He also announced that the number of arrivals to and departures from the United Kingdom would henceforth be published; as also the names of ships attacked and escaped.

Sir Edward Carson also stated that the German submarine losses would not be published because this policy of secrecy was most distasteful to the enemy; and also because the Admiralty did not know whether a submarine had been certainly destroyed.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

British Penetrate German Lines.

London, February 21.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—"We seized a portion of the trenches north-east of Guedecourt and entered trenches on a 650 yards front to the south of Arras, penetrating deeply and inflicting many casualties. We raided, to the south-east of Ypres, 500 yards of front reaching the support line. Many of the enemy were killed in the dugouts and mine shafts, which we destroyed. 114 prisoners were taken here, the total number of prisoners for the day being 184. Our casualties were light."

Artillery Activity.

London, February 22.

A French communique states that there was reciprocal artillery in the region of Butte de Messin on the right bank of the Meuse, near Caubiers wood and Bezonvaux.

AMERICA AND AUSTRIA.

Amsterdam, February 21.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" says that the American "Aide memoire" to Vienna on the subject of submarine does not leave any doubt that a diplomatic rupture will follow.

GERMANY'S MAN-POWER PROBLEM.

Amsterdam, February 21.

The Berlin "Mittags Zeitung" says that a medical re-examination of males born after Sept. 7, 1870, hitherto considered as permanently unfit, has been ordered at Hamburg.

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

London, February 22.

Mr. Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons that Mr. Lloyd George's statement regarding the Government's policy on import restrictions has been postponed to February 23.

UNIVERSAL TRAINING IN AMERICA.

Washington, February 22.

After conferring with the President, the War Secretary announced that he was about to send to Congress a Universal Military Training Bill.

THE BALKAN FIGHTING.

London, February 22.

A Rumanian communique, dated Feb. 19, states that there were weak artillery firing and patrol encounters on the whole front north of Dornavatra. The enemy furiously bombarded with gas shells the Rumanian positions north-west of Fosconi. Russians dispersed reconnoissances in this region.

BOASTFUL SPEECHES IN THE REICHSTAG.

Amsterdam, February 22.

A Committee of the Reichstag, sitting privately, listened to the boastful statements of Ministers on the subject of unrestricted submarine.

Herr Zimmermann concluded a detailed statement of the position as regards the United States, asserting with firm confidence that Germany would attain her aims by the employment of submarines.

Admiral Capelle said that the Navy's expectations of ruthless submarine had been surpassed. He accused the British Press, at the instigation of the Government, of concealing the extent of the sinkings. He admitted that this made it difficult to give definite figures, but although a number of submarines had not yet returned there was no reason to think that a single submarine had been lost since Feb. 1. Those that had returned reported that the British defensive measures had remained within normal limits, and that there was practically no shipping in the North Sea.

Dr. Helfferich declared that the diminution of Britain's supplies had already approached the danger point and that the decrease in December alone had been considerably greater than the average decrease in the whole of 1916 as compared with 1915.

TRAINING TIMES.

The Derby Favourite Prospects.

Very little work was done at Happy Valley this morning, nearly all of the ponies being rested in anticipation of to-morrow morning's final gallop. A large number were given slow trotting, with a short, center home, and it was obvious that the finishing touches of the training were making a wonderful difference to many. The outstanding gallop, was that of Heroloni, for this was expected to be the final test of the pony prior to race days. As this pony is looked upon as the only serious challenger of Victory Dahlia and Silverstreak for the blue ribbon, all attention was fixed on the gallop. Moller had to hold him in considerably for the first half mile, and when the griffin was given its own way it did fully what was expected. The total time for the mile and a quarter was 2:51 4/5, the last quarter being covered in 30.4/5. It is interesting to note that the last half mile of Silverstreak and Victory Dahlia yesterday were 1:04 and 1:04 1/5, respectively, whereas Heroloni's time for the same distance this morning was 1:04 1/5. This seems to show that all three have very little indeed between them, and the Derby should, in consequence, be of an extremely open character.

To-morrow morning the final stages of the gallops will be reached, and there should be a large crowd at the course, for interest is now getting red-hot. Among those present this morning was His Excellency the Governor.

The following are the few times recorded:—

Derby Ponies.
Yid. Mile and a quarter (Sedgwick)—41; 1:17.3/5; 1:52.2/5; 2:26.3/5; 2:57; last quarter, 30.2/5.
Heroloni. Mile and a quarter (Moller).—38.2/5; 1:12.2/5; 1:47.2/5; 2:21; 2:51.4/5; last quarter, 30.4/5.

Wartiorini. One mile.—34; 1:11.1/5; 1:52.3/5; 2:15.2/5; last quarter, 30.4/5.

Aerialini. Mile and a quarter.—32.2/5; 1:08.1/5; 1:41.1/5; 2:16.4/5; 2:50.4/5; last quarter, 34.

Iron Duke. One mile.—33.1/5; 1:07.1/5; 1:39; 2:12.3/5; last quarter, 33.3/5.

Victory. Half mile.—33; 1:03; last quarter, 30.

Old Ponies.
Australian Chief. Half Mile.—34; 1:03.4/5; last quarter, 29.4/5.

Cadown's Wife. One mile (Boyd).—35.2/5; 1:09.2/5; 1:41.4/5; 2:12.2/5; last quarter, 30.3/5.

Golofina. One mile. (Boyd).—35; 1:08.2/5; 1:40; 2:11.4/5; last quarter, 31.4/5.

General Birdwood. Half mile.—33; 1:03; last quarter, 30.

Daisy Chief. Half mile.—33; 1:04.2/5; last quarter, 31.2/5.

Subscription Grifflins.
Spalpeen. One mile. (Boyd).—39.3/5; 1:18.3/5; 1:49.2/5; 2:21; last quarter, 31.3/5.

Khekilini. Mile and a quarter. (Moller).—32.2/5; 1:08.1/5; 1:41.1/5; 2:16.4/5; 2:50.4/5; last quarter, 34.

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TO-DAY.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
New Hongkong Cinema—9.15 p.m.

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Wednesday, February 28.
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GENERAL NEWS.

Disabled German Prisoners in Japan.

As already reported, the Japanese Government recently decided to send back to Germany, through the United States, 17 disabled German prisoners of war, and arrangements had been made accordingly. Since then, however, diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany have been broken off, and it has become impossible for Japan to carry out its decision. The Japanese authorities will therefore be obliged to abandon the proposal.—N. C. Daily News.

Struck by Lightning.

A Chinese mining coolie employed on a mine at Menglemba met with his death by lightning when returning from the mine in a heavy thunderstorm says the Malay Mail. One of four coolies was walking slightly behind his companions. An unusually intense flash of forked lightning was observed by his companions to play about the man. When the peal of thunder that followed the lightning had subsided the two coolies in front found that their companion had collapsed. The man was lying on the ground, stone dead, his hair burned right off, his ears burned black, and his right side charred. Death must have been instantaneous.

German Interests in China.

A report says that interested parties have made investigations into the German interests in the various parts of this country, and a brief estimate has been drawn up. According to the estimate, the total amount of German capital invested in various kinds of enterprises in China aggregates \$255,760,000, and there are altogether 244 German companies, the number of German residents being estimated at about 3,740 persons. Several mines have been opened by Germans, notably the coal mine in Fentse and the iron mine in Kinglingcheng. The northern section of the Tientsin-Peking Railway and the Kiaoohow-Tsinanfu Railway are also German enterprises, the two making a total mileage of 889 miles. The Germans contracted to build some other railways, but so far the Tientsin-Peking and the Tsinanfu Kiaoohow Railways are the only lines completed.

Disobeying Orders in Danger Zone.

Manchester, January 4.—At the Salford Police Court, to-day, Mr. P. W. Astin (stipendiary) sent a coloured seaman, named Joe Davies, to prison for a week and ordered him to forfeit £15, 4d. from his pay for disobeying the lawful command of his officer. It was stated that the prisoner was engaged on a ship, and when the vessel was approaching what was known as the danger zone for submarines he was told to get some coal from the middle bunker. He said it was easier to get the coal from the sidebunkers, but he was told that this could not be done. The ship was delayed for about an hour, and it was only when threatened with being placed in irons that the prisoner did his work. Davies pleaded that he was asked to do two men's work.

Mine-Sweeper's Fund.

The report of the Committee of the Mine Sweepers' Fund, of which Princess Louise of Battenberg is president, states that the fund started its second year with a balance in hand of £1,334, and during the year donations amounting to £6,221 were received. The expenditure had exceeded the receipts and balance in hand been reduced to £766. Over 52,800 garments had been issued to men engaged in mine-sweeping and kindred services during the year, in addition to pipes, tobacco, sweets, &c. The appeal made by Princess Louise of Battenberg in September last resulted in donations amounting to £1,900 being received. Funds are still needed, and donations should be sent to the hon. treasurer, care of Messrs. George Trollope and Sons, West, 11, Mark Lane, London, E.C.3.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1917.

THE MAN-POWER QUESTION.

It was a wise plan of His Excellency the Governor to use the opportunity presented by yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council to clear the air somewhat in regard to the local man-power question, and to explain the circumstances which led up to the creation of the recently-appointed Commission. The speech deals with quite a number of points upon which a measure of confusion has arisen, and we feel sure that it has at least made one point quite clear—namely, that, whoever else may have been standing in the way of men anxious to go to the front, His Excellency certainly has not. He has called the Commission into being, not because he considered that step to be the best means of dealing with the problem, but in deference to the urgent representations of the Unofficial members of the Councils. Had Sir Henry been of a mind to ignore those representations, and to have acted solely on his own initiative, we might have seen established, instead of the present body, a Tribunal before whom all men of military age would have been compelled to appear. The situation in Hongkong would then have been more in keeping with the conditions which obtain at home.

It is this question of the advisability of compulsion's being applied to Hongkong which is the most important aspect dealt with in His Excellency's utterance. The demand of the deputations which waited upon the Governor was for the appointment of "a responsible body to consider individual applications," but the reply of the Governor to that proposal was that he disapproved of the formation of such a body and was recommending the Secretary of State to impose compulsory service, "with the necessary power of exemption." That recommendation was despatched to the Colonial Office (evidently by mail) in despatches dated January 22 and January 23, the essential parts of the communications being made known to the official members of the Executive and Legislative Councils. It was then that the unofficial members "strongly advised" the Government to appoint a Board "to hear cases brought voluntarily before it." Thereupon His Excellency telegraphed to the Secretary of State communicating the desires of the official members, which were subsequently approved by Mr. Walter Long. His Excellency's extreme fairness in the matter must be conceded, the more so seeing that, when calling the opinions of the unofficial members, he refrained from prejudicing their case by expressing his own admitted preference for the enforcement of compulsion.

As to the reasons why the unofficial members of the Councils preferred a perpetuation of the voluntary system and the establishment of a Commission to hear the cases of those caring to offer themselves, to the adoption of compulsory service (with a Tribunal to deal with exemptions) no information is contained in His Excellency's speech. With the facts as they have been revealed, the presumption cannot be escaped that it was the Council members, and not the Government, who objected to compulsion. For ourselves we cannot help thinking that His Excellency's plan would have been the wiser and the fairer one to all concerned. The system of compulsion applied need not necessarily have been on all fours with the conditions which exist at home; special powers of exemption could most probably have been secured to prevent injury to British trade through a too drastic drainage from the ranks of commercial houses, and, above all, compulsion would have inevitably rooted out the slackers, who are left quite unmolested as conditions are. From every standpoint, compulsion would have been far better, for, with it, every man left in the Colony after the Tribunal had done its work would know and feel that he was in the right place. In view of the disclosures which have now been made, compulsion may even yet come. His Excellency's despatches scarcely have reached home as yet, and that circumstance puts rather a fresh complexion on the announcement made a couple of days ago by Mr. Walter Long to the effect that it is not intended at the moment to change the system of military service in the Crown Colonies. It may be that when His Excellency's recommendations are received and fully considered, we shall find that the present policy will be reversed on instructions from home. All we can say, to repeat a previously expressed conviction, is that the bulk of the young men here would infinitely prefer compulsion to the present very unsatisfactory state of affairs.

DAY BY DAY.

NO ONE EVER REPEATED A SCANDALOUS STORY WITH A GOOD PURPOSE.

The Dollar.
 The opening rate of the dollar on 1st instant today was 2s. 3.15/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
 To-morrow is the 17th anniversary of General Buller's third crossing of the Tugela.

Returned.
 Mr. R. C. Morris returned to the Colony by the *Venezuela*.
Volunteer Reserves.
 There are no orders for the Volunteer Reserve for the week ending March 3.

To Correspondents.
 J. D. Thomas and "Hauptmann von Kospick"—Your letters are unavoidably held over until to-morrow.

Bank Meeting.
 Shareholders (the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation) are reminded that the Bank's meeting takes place to-morrow at noon, at the City Hall.

For the Races.
 Among the passengers who arrived from Shanghai for the Races by the *Venezuela* were Mrs. Burkill, M. J. A. Hayes, Mr. J. S. Fearon and Mr. Morris.

War Loan Subscription.
 The local manager of the Chartered Bank has received a cable advising from the London Office that the Chartered Bank, including constituents and the staff, has subscribed to the War Loan of £835,000 of which £2,370,000 is new money.

N. Appearance.
 When notice was called at the Magistrate's Court today in which a ship named *Cooper* is charged with being drunk and disorderly, it was stated by Sergeant McCulloch that the defendant was not present. The case was adjourned for a month to be heard that the defendant had joined another ship. Mr. D. J. Hill, of the O.P.O. case was remanded for a week, and the bail was ordered to be forfeited.

At Coal.
 Sergeant, of the Water Police, in Wanchai bay yesterday saw a cinder boat with a rather suspicious manner of the Japanese coalingers. He eventually went on board and found that there was a lot of coal on board. Seven men on the boat taken aboard the steamer it was found that they had lighted the coal. The men were charged with stealing, fined them each \$1.

Thieving Code.
 A group of thieves was before R. Wood at the Police Court this morning, and it was stated by one of them that he had bid by one of them that he should give a signal code by watching or thieving. Three big boys and four ones and it was found that they were concerned in the pair of slippers and a shoes from a shop on the 1st and 2nd in snatching a bag from a child. The boys were ordered to be reprimanded and 48 hours' each, and the two girls were sentenced to six weeks' detention.

At the Sequel.
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Men Released from Hongkong Government Service.

At Yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, members were furnished with the following particulars of the number of Hongkong Government officers so far released for service with His Majesty's armies or for other war work:

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Senior Staff (5).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces: N. L. Smith, G. R. Sawyer. Remaining in Hongkong, 3.

Subordinate Staff (1). Remaining in Hongkong, 1.

Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

Senior Staff (4). Subordinate Staff (6).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 3, (1 vacancy).

Audit Department.

Senior Staff (3).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 2, (1 on leave).

Subordinate Staff (1).—Joined, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 1.

Treasury.

Senior Staff (1) and Subordinate Staff (6).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 1.

Assessor's Office.

Senior Staff (1) and Subordinate Staff (6).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 1.

Harbour Department.

Senior Staff (6).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, B. R. H. Taylor. Remaining in Hongkong, 4, (1 vacancy).

Subordinate Staff (10).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, R. H. A. Craig, F. P. Lenfestey, A. W. Daily. Remaining in Hongkong, 7.

Imports and Exports Department.

Senior Staff (4).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 4.

Subordinate Staff (9).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, W. Knight. Remaining in Hongkong, 7, (1 on leave).

Royal Observatory.

Senior Staff (3).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, B. D. Evans. Remaining in Hongkong, 2.

Subordinate Staff (6).

Supreme Court.

Senior Staff (4).—Lent to Colonial Office for war work, S. B. B. McElderry. Remaining in Hongkong, 2, (1 vacancy).

Subordinate Staff (4).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 4.

Official Receiver's Office.

Senior Staff (1).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 1.

Subordinate Staff (6).

Magistracy.

Senior Staff (3).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 3, (1 employed pastime in Police).

Subordinate Staff (6).

District Officer, Taiipo.

Senior Staff (1).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 1.

Subordinate Staff (2).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, W. Hollands. Remaining in Hongkong, 1.

District Office, South.

Senior Staff (1).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, M. J. Breen. Remaining in Hongkong, 1 (Mr. Dyer Ball, Acting A.D.O./S.).

Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 1 (on leave Nil).

Attorney General's Office.

Senior Staff (1).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 1.

Subordinate Staff (6).

Crown Solicitor's Office.

Senior Staff (2).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 2. (one will probably have to go on leave—Mr. Orme).

Subordinate Staff (6).

Land Office.

Senior Staff (3).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 1, (1 vacancy).

Subordinate Staff (6).

Police Department.

Senior Staff (6).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, D. Burlingham, C. G. Perdue. Remaining in Hongkong, 2.

Subordinate Staff (106).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Loc. Sgt. Spillat, P. C. Walkerford (killed), Phillips, Lefevre, Booker, Munro, Kelly, Drury, Wilson, Bloor, Shat, Bain, Redhead, Loc. Sgt. Patterson, Long, &

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NO RECEIPT STAMP.

A case was heard at the Magistrate's Court this morning in which J. M. Franco, of Kowloon, was charged with unlawfully executing a receipt on December 8, by not fixing a stamp thereon.

Defendant admitted not putting a stamp on, but said that, at the time, he had no stamp in the house. He gave the person by whom the money was paid five cents with which to buy a stamp.

Postal Inspector Watt said he had interviewed the person who paid the money, who said that she had tried to persuade Franco to put a stamp on the receipt, but that he had refused.

His Worship reminded defendant that it was a serious offence, for which he was liable to a fine of \$100. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Excursion to Macao.

The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company's steamer *Taishan* is to run an excursion to Macao, for the Frocession of the Cross, on Sunday, the 25th inst. The steamer will depart from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf at 9 p.m. returning from Macao at 7 p.m.

Singleton, Hutchins, Clarke, P. C. Painting (killed), Reid, A., Coote, Biach, Allchurch (killed), Edwards, J., Dick, Delahunt, Carpenter, Tillis, Swan, James, Hourhan, Lane, Hoare, Edwards, R. Henderson, Vincent, Loc. Sgt. Wilson, P. C. Dorington, Stinson, Goble, Logan, Andrews, Nicoll, Phillips Williams, Alexander, Brennan, Robertson, Harron, McLennan, Murphy, J., Murphy, J. D., Ellis, Pol. Sgt. Hodge, Loc. Sgt. Wilson, P. C. Gardner (killed), Clark, J. R., Clark A. R., Reynolds, Loc. Sgt. Patterson. Remaining in Hongkong, 98, (2 vacancies).

Prison Department.

Senior Staff (1).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 1.

Subordinate Staff (27).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, 17, (6 vacancies).

Medical Department.

Senior Staff (9).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 9, (Release of one under consideration).

Subordinate Staff (6).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, S. P. Leigh, J. O. Kille, C. D. de Haney. Remaining in Hongkong, 3.

Sanitary Department.

Senior Staff (4).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 4.

Subordinate Staff (31).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Mr. H. J. Millington, Mr. Elliott, Mr. W. Hill. Remaining in Hongkong, 27, (1 on leave).

Botanical and Forestry Dept.

Senior Staff (2).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, H. Green. Remaining in Hongkong, 1; Subordinate Staff (6).

Education Department.

Senior Staff (22).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Mr. A. O. Brown, Mr. A. R. Sutherland, Mr. C. Mycock, Mr. R. B. Barlow. Mr. G. P. de Martin and Mr. F. J. de Rome, Left to Censorate. Remaining in Hongkong 14, (2 on leave).

Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

Senior Staff (6). Subordinate Staff (2).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 2.

Public Works Department.

Senior Staff (25).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces: Messrs. E. B. Reed, B. H. Holloway, S. H. H. Iyer, A. Anderson, H. West. Remaining in Hongkong, 30; Subordinate Staff: (27).—Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, U. A. Farrell. Remaining in Hongkong, 31, (1 on leave).

Post Office.—Senior Staff (6). Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong 5; Subordinate Staff: (3). Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, Nil. Remaining in Hongkong, 2.

Kowloon-Canton Railway.—Senior Staff (6). Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, O. D. Lambert. Remaining in Hongkong, 4; Subordinate Staff: (7). Allowed to join H. M.'s Forces, W. S. Giff. Remaining in Hongkong, 2.

Among the other celebrities that they have given to the world Manchester and Salford (says the *Manchester Guardian*) may claim the late Mr. George Bradshaw who originated the famous "Railway Guide," the new issue of which has suddenly become more important than ever. He was born at Pendleton in 1801. As a youth he was apprenticed to an engraver, and in 1830, when in business for himself in the same trade, he issued three maps of inland navigation, which were at that time very useful to travellers by canal. In 1838, when railways had begun to supersede canals for passenger traffic, Bradshaw published a railway map of Great Britain, and in 1839 he issued "Bradshaw's Railway Time-Tables." In the following year the title was changed to "Bradshaw's Railway Companion," which was sold at a shilling. This soon became recognised as a more or less official guide. The companies, wishing to assist in its regular monthly publication, agreed to make any alterations in their train services at the beginning of the month, instead of on any day when the idea occurred to them. In December, 1841, the first number of the now familiar "Guide" appeared, and it has been issued regularly up to the present time.

The "Prospectus"—much talked of at the moment—was in use for literary enterprises earlier than in the City, says the *Chronicle*. Boswell, writing in 1791, gives the name to Dr. Johnson's plan for the Dictionary, but a dozen years before that the term was applied to a somewhat similar appeal by Goldsmith. The only known copy of the "proposal" of Robert Burns for the *Kilmarnock* edition of his *Poems*, 1788, was sold in a London auction room last autumn for £275. By the middle of last century the company prospectus was in full flood. Baron Grant appropriately made a hobby or business of collecting examples, and over 90 huge volumes of them were among his effects when he was sold up.

The appointment of Lord Kenyon as a Lord-in-Waiting to the King should interest Lancashire, says the *Manchester Guardian*, for he comes of a Lancastrian family. Jordan Kenyon having been Lord of Kenyon in Winwick in the time of Henry III. The first Baron was Lord Chief Justice in the year which witnessed the trial of Warren Hastings, and the present peer, who was only married last month, succeeded to the title as a boy of five in 1849. He is a landowner near Bolton, and, in connection with an hotel at Little Hulton which belonged to him, he some years ago took a bold step in the direction of temperance.

In his temperance ideas he differs from his ancestor Lord Chief Justice Kenyon, whose habits nearly lost him his high position. For long Lord Chancellor Thurlow hesitated between him and another—Buller. "Kenyon," he said, "was very temperate, but Buller was so corrupt that I thought, upon the whole, that temperance was a less fault in a judge than corruption." Yet of Kenyon it is said that "no judge who sat so long in the King's Bench has ever been so seldom overruled."

It may be assumed that the new currency notes, with their rather elaborate design and decoration, represent the permanent form which British paper money will take. For it has certainly come to stay. Gold will no doubt make a modest reappearance after the war, but to all intents and purposes the sovereign piece has been replaced by the wallet. Fears that paper money is unhygienic were finally set at rest by the investigations of the United

THE RACES.

SOME INTERESTING NOTES.

The Owners, Jockeys and Ponies.

In no place in the East, not even in Shanghai, is there so much enthusiasm shown in racing as at our Meetings. The main reason is because we hold only one meeting a year, but the picturesqueness of the Happy Valley and the relaxation of the restrictions imposed by the Gambling Ordinance also help to account for the immense popularity of the Races with all sections of the community. Nor is the interest confined to the men. Ladies look forward to Race Week for months and derive much pleasure in displaying their latest hats and gowns, much to the benefit of the tailoring establishments. Almost everybody who goes to the Races, loses money, but all are agreed that the pleasure is worth the loss. The grand stand is, of course, the centre of attraction, and, as is usual in the Far East, it contains enclosures within enclosures for the elite, who are in their turn discriminated against and kept out of bounds by the private stands and the sacred preserves of the upper forty. The pari-mutuel and cash sweeps, however, draw all together at regular intervals and where gambling goes on, class distinction is temporarily suspended.

To the north of the Stand, and in a parallel line with the cemetries, the numerous matcheds offer as great an, if not a greater, attraction for the middle class, the lower classes crowding the interior of the course. Business is suspended at 11 a.m., but it is safe to say that very little work is done during all the three days, for the taipans and the clerks have their heads full of tips and are eager to rush off to the *gan ma ti*. There are exceptions, of course. Those who keep away enjoy their three days' holiday and save money, yet that is not enough—they must condemn the impropriety of the Meeting and gambling that should not be allowed, of late years because of the war. The Jockey Club's contribution towards War Charities this year will probably be over \$50,000, and should the Races be cancelled, who will suffer or profit by it? We are doing our little bit, so by all means let us have our Race Meetings. A newcomer has only to go once and he will be a devotee of racing in Hongkong for life. First of all he goes twice a week to the trainings, which commence in November, and the large attendance at the course in the early hours of the cold mornings—with no gambling going on—proves that the sport is followed in the true spirit. For months he is treated to tall stories at his mess of how fortunes were made (by lucky mistakes and otherwise) and how fortunes could be made by exercising a little judgment. When the day comes round, having been favoured with "sure tips" and "confidential information" he is fully convinced that he is bound to make money. Should the pony on which he places his money come in first, his fancies for the other races become dead certainties. And what if he were to back a few wrong ones? There are always excuses enough—Vida made a big mistake, the pony was blocked, the handicap was too much, so much so that if the race were to be run all over again his pony must win. If—the great big if! The old stager enjoys the fun all the more. It is a real treat and an education to watch and hear him. He is supposed to know everything, and loses his money because he does not care for small dividends. His "I told you so," or "it is to be expected," are genuine to the core. Nothing surprises him, as experience has prepared him for the glorious uncertainties of the Turf.

Old Ponies.

There are three classes of ponies in our race meetings—old ponies, Derby griffins, and subscription griffins. There is no limit to the number of ponies that may be paid for, and many have been paid for as much as

\$4,000 each. In the case of the old ponies, their previous records furnish sufficient data on which backers can form their opinions as to the relative chances of the various starters for a particular race, the important consideration being the distance the pony is good for. This year the old ponies are a better lot, and many owners have found that it pays better to bring a good old pony that is almost certain to win a race than to have representatives in the Derby who stand no chance at all. The sensation of bringing in a winner must indeed be great. To be the cynosure of such a gathering—even for a few minutes—is undoubtedly a great honour and pleasure, and is ample recompense for the outlay of time and money. Of the old ponies, Northland, Sandy, Triumph, and The Ganner find favour with the public. Golofina is somewhat out of form, and Triumphant Dahlia is no longer the same record-breaker as he was last year, and will probably be a disappointment to many.

The Derby.

As a race the Derby is oftener than not a tame affair, the winner coming in with lengths to spare. But the Derby griffins excite most interest because their real worth is supposed to be known only to their respective owners. The ponies are never forced at the trainings, and much depends on the weight carried, and on the food. To get a good Derby griffin it is necessary to buy a large batch of ponies, for the dealers very wisely refuse to sell only the good ones. Out of a lot of eight or ten, all but one have usually to be discarded, so that the price paid for the lot is actually the cost of the one. The trainers who buy the ponies, and whose jobs are good securities, make it a point to buoy up hope in the heart of their employers up to the last, and it is quite natural that, having paid large fortunes for their ponies, the owners are only too anxious and ready to believe that they stand a chance of taking a place in the Derby. This explains the doubt that is expressed on various sides as to the probable results of the race, but the disinterested on-looker very soon makes up his mind regarding the merits of the different candidates. This year, there are thirty ponies and thirteen stables entered for the chief event. Of these, only three need be considered. The hot favourite in the many sweeps which are being held all over the Colony has all along been Silverstreak, whose popularity is greatly due to the fact that its rider and owner is the best jockey for the Hongkong course. It is said that 3,000 taels was paid for this pony. Its performances in the training have certainly been the best by far, but its height (12.5) argues ill for its success. It is well-known that only once in the annals of local racing did a 12.5 pony win the Derby. Lookmaben and Darbar Chief were both hot favourites, but they did not win. Little Gem Rose, it may be mentioned, was 13.0, and not 12.3. For Silverstreak to come in first, it must therefore possess extraordinary staying powers, and it remains to be proved whether it can stand the pace and distance with 140 lb. on its back. The second favourite is Herolani, whose chances are second to none. Just as Kadoorie is known to be very unlucky in horse racing, Soares' good luck in this respect is proverbial. Of all the owners of the important stables, he spends the least, and yet in three years, with only two ponies a year to speak of, he won seven of the most important races and was second and third in the Derby. There will be a hard struggle between these two contestants, the advantage of jockeyship being greatly in favour of John Peel's representative. Sir Paul's Victory Dahlia comes next. This pony has a beautiful shape and stride. Last week it was in very poor form, but it has been picking up again considerably, and it may be relied upon that it will be in the pink of condition once more on the great day. The records show that in nine out of the past eleven years the winner of the Derby was trained by Curroem, and he is not the man to allow a pony to go bad. He knows more about ponies and racing in Hongkong than all the public put together.

and a good many still retain their confidence in him. Year after year pessimistic views as to his success were expressed, but he has always been successful, as many know to their deep regret. There are those who are willing to bet that the Dahlia will not take a place in the Derby. This may be so, yet it is well to remember that Curroem works wonders, and may give a repeat performance on Tuesday next. Of the other candidates, those of Humphreys and Extra might put up a desperate fight for the third place, together with Logan and Bacto's Glorious Pearl, but it is a hundred to one that they will not go any further and have no ghost of a chance for even second place.

Subscription Griffins.

These are subscribed for pro rata and are purchased by the Jockey Club in batches and drawn for after arrival. The price paid is generally under \$300 each. Subscription griffin races are, however, much more exciting than those for the old ponies or Derby griffins. The field is always a large one—very often there are more than twenty starters,—the finish is close, and the events are very open, the dividends being exceptionally good in most cases. These races are provided for the benefit of the small owners, and furnish them with the only opportunities of showing their colours and figuring in the "also ran" columns. The inexperienced jockeys are never at a loss to find mounts in these races, as the entries are numerous. Drumstick, Mo, and Spalpeen are among the best. Soares' Khakilini is a stinker, but should it make up its mind to run, there is no sub. to beat it for the long races.

The Jockeys.

Of all the jockeys, Johnstone is by far the best. He is thoroughly acquainted with every inch of the course, and in the rush home he is a terror. In Shanghai there are others to match him, but on the Hongkong course it is said that he could give any of his friends two seconds in the last quarter, and this is probably true, with the exception, perhaps, of Barkill and Vida. In his younger days, Barkill was considered superior to what Johnstone is to-day, but age tells. Vida is a strong rider and always tries his best to secure a place. (In this respect it has been remarked that when Johnstone's mount fails to respond to his call in the last 100 yards, the jockey slackens pace at once, even though sure of a place. This is certainly hard lines for the backer of his mounts for place.) Hayes, Moller, and Heard come next. Hayes is very weak and will probably ride only a race or two. Moller has so far only made a poor show here. Heard is all right, and will probably bring in a couple of winners. Knoll has improved considerably and is to be reckoned with. The others can only expect to secure second and third places; as a general rule, all they do is to help to make up a race.

Considerable interest has been taken in the Meeting this year, and all the preparations are now completed. Hundreds of thousands of dollars will change hands during the three days. Those who lose money invariably rely on the Off Day. It is not a case of Hope Deferred, but of payment Deferred.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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NOTICE

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T. F. JOY, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 21 Feb., 1917.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSENGER Ser will be issued upon the Underlying on FRIDAY, the 24th inst. No Sets will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during Race Days (HOURS). Tickets only for the Service in the enclosure on their own or by duty at the Stand.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

IN THE MATTER of the GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED (and Reduced)

and IN THE MATTER of the Companies Ordinance No. 58 of 1911.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Order of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong dated the 21st day of February 1917 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above mentioned Company from \$4,000,000 (Four million dollars) to \$3,000,000 (Three million dollars) and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above Ordinance were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 21st day of February 1917. The said Minute is in the words and figures following:—

The capital of the Green Island Cement Company Limited (and Reduced) henceforth is \$3,000,000 (Three million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents) each instead of the former capital of \$4,000,000 (Four million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$10 (Ten dollars) each. At the time of the Registration of this Minute the sum of \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents) has been and is to be deemed to be paid up on each of the said shares.

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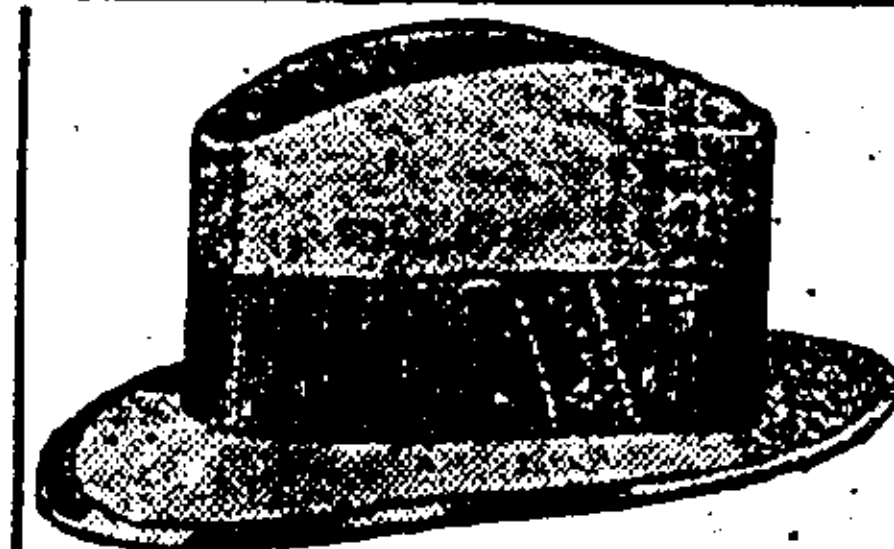
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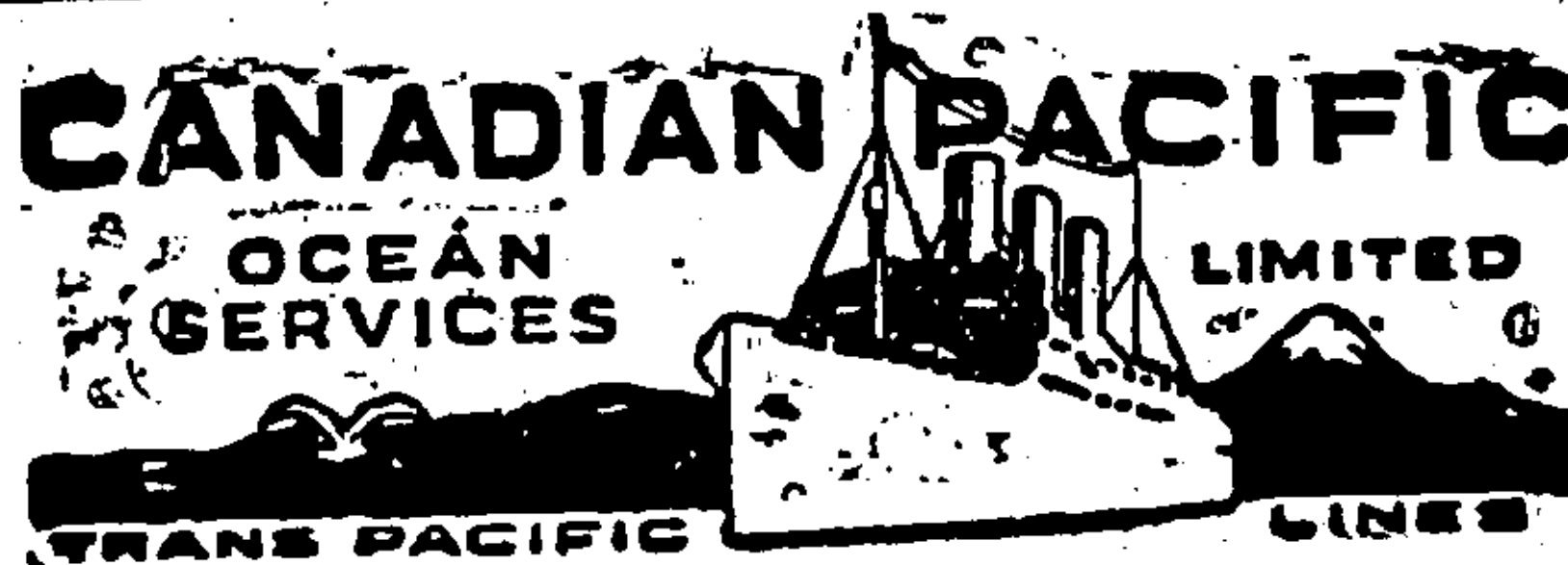
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Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Commercial Venture.

In pursuance of his industrial and commercial plans, Dr. Sun Yat-sen has started the organization of a Stock-Broking Business in Shanghai. The forthcoming establishment will be a limited liability company with a capital of \$5,000,000 to deal in foreign and Chinese stock and bond business. Besides Dr. Sun, Mr. Yu Ya-ching, Mr. Chang Ching-kiang and other leading merchants of Shanghai are partners. Dr. Sun has sent a representative to Peking for arranging the company's registration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce. The Ministry has asked the authorities of Kiangsu to make inquiries and to find out whether or not they have any objection to the establishment of such an enterprise. As the company will deal in financial business, the Ministry of Finance will also be consulted before the request for registration will be granted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce. Dr. Sun has recently been urged several times by the Government to come up to the Capital. President Li is specially desirous to see him.—"Peking Daily News."

American Cotton.
The cotton market is showing some improvement, recent telegrams from New York and Liverpool reporting steadiness, and while prices remain about the same as a week ago there is a decided tendency for improvement, Liverpool having advanced about 20 points during the week-end. Reuter's Liverpool cotton market quotations dated February 12 are as follows for middling American cotton:

Spot	10.75d.
March-April	10.28d.
October-November	9.59d.
Corresponding quotations on February 5 were—10.15d., 9.76d., 9.06d. Messrs. Tata's Liverpool agents quote July 10.14d. and October 9.61d. and report that the principal feature of this market is that spinners' brokers are selling distant new crop as hedges. New York remains steady and with a firmer tendency, Messrs. Tata's agents here quoting—May 15.65 cents, July 15.72 cents, October 15.44 cents. As to market conditions in Japan, a fall of Yen 10.50 in American cotton in the few days following the German-American rupture still affected the cotton yarn market there, but later the falling in the market, both for time and spot delivery bargains, became firm, as an increased demand for export to China, and for seasonal home consumption is anticipated. The fall in the Japan market is therefore comparatively slight in view of the American slump. It is to be noted that the time bargain price in Osaka even showed a recovery of Yen 1 to Yen 2 in spite of the fall of 30 sen in Indian cotton. The German-American rupture is viewed by cotton mill men in Japan as likely to result in increasing the difficulty of supplying American cotton goods to China and India.	

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Vancouver via Japan	E. of Russia	C. P. O. S.	15, Mar.
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San Francisco via Japan	China	C. M. S. S.	16, Apr.
San Francisco via Japan	Korea M.	T. K. K.	24, Apr.
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kong and Kowloon Wharf and
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whence, any/or from the wharves,
delivery may be obtained.
Goods not cleared by the 27th
inst. at 5 P.M. will be subject to
rent.

All broken, chafed and dam-
aged packages are to be left in
the Godowns where they will
be examined on 27th inst. at
10 A.M. Claims against the
Steamer must be presented with-
in 10 days of arrival otherwise
they will not be recognized.
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s.s. "SIBERIA MARU,"
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having arrived, Consignees of
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alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered
on 21st February, at 5 P.M., will
be landed at Consignees' risk and
expense, and delivery must then
be taken from the Company's
Godown. Storage charges will
be assessed on all cargo remain-
ing undelivered on the 25th
February, at 5 P.M.

No Fire Insurance whatever
will be effected.
No Claim will be recognised
after the goods have left the
Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo
will be landed into the Company's
Godown, where they will be
examined on 27th February at
10 A.M.

No Claim will be recognised, if
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T. DAIGO,
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Hongkong, 19th February, 1917.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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From SAN FRANCISCO via
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notified that they must produce
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Exports, Hongkong, before Bills
of lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and dam-
aged goods are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be
examined on Tuesday, February,
27th at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented
within a month of the steamer's
arrival here, after which they
cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the
Godowns and all goods remaining
undelivered after March 1st,
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No Fire Insurance whatever
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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE PERSIAN SITUATION.

London, February 21.

In the House of Lords, Lord Curzon said he was surprised that the possibility of German intrigues in Persia had not received sufficient attention from the side of India. He paid a warm tribute to the Amirs' loyalty and feared it would be necessary to send considerable reinforcements to Persia in order to drive out the Turks. The march of Sir Percy Sykes was most remarkable, and well worthy of the traditions of the Indian Army.

SENSATIONAL ARREST IN NEW YORK.

London, February 21.

According to Reuter's correspondent at New York, a sensation has been caused by the arrest of two men on a charge of conspiring to obtain maps, photographs, and other information of a military character concerning Great Britain, which was sent to the United States and then to Germany. It is understood that fifteen men are involved, who went to Britain masquerading as journalists in order to collect information.

PLYMOUTH CLOSED TO NEUTRAL BOATS.

London, February 21.

The *Gazette* announces that Plymouth is closed neutral shipping.

U. S. ESPIONAGE BILL.

London, February 21.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, the Senate has passed the Espionage Bill by 60 votes to 10, with comprehensive powers to impose drastic penalties.

ONLY ONE SINKING.

London, February 21.

The only sinking announced for yesterday is the Newfoundland fishing schooner *Mayola*.

WEST RIVER LOSS.

THE KWONG TAI SUNK.

Feared Heavy Loss of Life.

Leaving Wanchow on the 21st inst., the s.s. *Kwong Tai*, carrying an exceedingly large number of passengers, and her holds more than ordinarily full of general cargo, ran ashore on the left of the river near Sin Shing gorge and sank in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The *Kwong Tai* had had a splendid run from Wanchow, carrying over a hundred passengers. She was followed by the *Santai* some two miles behind. As night drew on, a slight mist gathered, and the darkness was exceptionally intense. It is not known at what speed the vessel was travelling, but at about one o'clock in the morning Captain Crispin, of the *Santai*, was startled by hearing a crash and the agonised screams of women and children. Making full speed towards the spot he found not the slightest trace of the *Kwong Tai*, which had evidently struck the bank with such considerable force that she rebounded into the middle of the river and sank in one of the deepest parts of the waterway. Not a mast was showing, nor was there a sign of wreckage. The latter is easily explained, as the current at this part is rather stronger than at any other, and if there were any wreckage it must have been swept down stream before the *Santai* arrived on the scene.

Captain Crispin immediately ordered boats to be lowered, and these spent some time cruising round. The boat in which was Mr. Weatherhead, the Chief Officer, rowed near the bank, which was crowded with unfortunate survivors. The people, who were all Chinese, were huddled together, soaked to the skin. Several women were among them, and one or two children were wailing dully. These were taken off in the boat to the *Santai*, where they were given dry clothing and nourishment. Although the boats put off again, no more survivors were to be found, those who had been rescued from the bank evidently having, by a good stroke of fortune, been able to flounder to the side, or had been swept there when the vessel sank, by the eddies.

The *Santai* sent out distress signals, which were answered by the *Santai* and *Shanghai*, which were not long in arriving on the scene of the disaster, but the bulk of the rescue work had been carried out by the *Santai*, and when these two vessels arrived

there was little for them to do. They did, however, take off several of the rescued passengers who were not proceeding to Hongkong.

In conversation with a representative of the *Telegraph* this morning, Mr. Weatherhead, the Chief Officer, estimated that the *Kwong Tai* was carrying between 80 and a hundred passengers, and about 40 of a crew, and from the number saved, he judged that between fifty and sixty passengers and crew had perished. No one knew whether the captain, who was a Chinese, had been saved or not, although it is feared that he shared the same fate as many of the passengers. "The vessel," said Mr. Weatherhead, "must have sunk in a couple of minutes or so. It was very sudden, and we were surprised when we got up to find that there was not a vestige of wreckage to be seen. The force with which she struck the left bank of the river must have been tremendous, and it is apparent she rebounded into mid-stream. The passengers had very little opportunity to save themselves, as the place where she sank was one of the deepest parts of the river. It is extraordinary that she should founder in such a short time. You see, she had not a moment in which to lower any of her boats. We picked up about 43 passengers and crew. They were in a pitiable state, suffering intensely from cold and the effects of their immersion." Mr. Weatherhead thought the *Santai* had about five people on board. The commander of the sunken vessel was saved by the boats from the *Santai*, and his son by the boat from the *Santai*. Neither knew whether the other was saved.

Old residents will recall that the *Kwong Tai* was formerly the British gunboat *Tweed*, which foundered in the Harbour in a typhoon about twenty-five years ago. She was then, it was thought, to be broken up, but some Chinese entered into negotiations and she was purchased by them and has been used on the river ever since. It is difficult to ascertain who her owners are, as it is more than possible that her name has been changed many times, even in recent years.

Revolver Possession.

A Chinese, who arrived in the Colony yesterday from America by the s.s. *Venezuela* was charged before Mr. J. E. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with importing a revolver and 48 rounds of ammunition. Mr. E. Davidson appeared to defend, and the case was adjourned until tomorrow morning.

THE SUMMARY COURT.

Some Interesting Cases Mentioned.

Going to the Front.

The case was called in which the *Kwong Lee* firm claimed from T. J. Wilson the sum of \$186, and there was another claim by the *Chan Yuen* firm for \$102.12 against the same defendant. Mr. R. C. Faithfull appeared for the plaintiffs in the both claims, and defendant was represented by Mr. E. J. Grist.

Mr. Faithfull said that judgment had been fixed by consent, and it was only a question of arranging payment. Mr. Grist said that his client was going to the front. The matter was held over.

The Claim Against Messrs. Gossage.

The case was again mentioned in which the *Tang Yek-chuen* and *Lye Joon-sang* claim the sum of \$1,000 from Messrs. William Gossage and Sons, Ltd., Widnes, Lancashire, England.

The plaintiffs claim \$1,000 as damages sustained by them in consequence of defendants' having obtained an interim injunction against them in an original action in 1916, in accordance with an undertaking given on October 7, 1916, by the defendant's counsel, to be responsible in damages in connection with a soap contract.

Mr. Faithfull and Mr. Grist are appearing for plaintiffs and defendants respectively.

Mr. Faithfull said he had paid in the \$150 security for costs, as applied for by Mr. Grist. He only paid it in yesterday late in the afternoon, and he had no time to notify his friend.

Mr. Grist:—This is the first I have heard of it.

The case was again adjourned for a week.

A "Severe" Contract. Mr. P. W. Goldring mentioned in the case in which an Indian money-lender, who produced some I.O.U.'s for interest, said the parties undertook to "jointly and severally pay." It seemed to him to be a severe business.

An Emphatic Denial. The case was called in which Li Mon claimed the sum of \$36 from G. D. Keyser.

Mr. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff and said the claim was for wages due.

The defendant was called, and, when asked by his Lordship if he owed the money, emphatically denied that he did.

On the application of Mr. Gardiner, the case was adjourned for a week.

A Request Ignored.

In the case in which Frank Edward Hall claimed \$151.10 from F. O. Coleman, Mr. Faithfull, who appeared for the plaintiff, said he had asked that the case should not go into to-day's list, but it had been put in, in spite of the letter he sent. Defendant had not paid up yet, and he would ask for the case to be adjourned *sine die*.

This was accordingly done.

An Amateur Money-Lender.

Mr. C. F. Mason appeared in a money-lending case, and said that at the time the defendant lent the money he was not a registered money-lender. His Lordship:—He was an amateur?—Yes.

And now he is claiming as a professional?—Well he is claiming in his capacity of a money-lender.

The case was adjourned.

TRAMWAY CO. DIVIDEND.

The Directors of the Hongkong Tramway Company recommend the payment of a final dividend at the rate of 23 per cent. per annum, amounting to \$18,087.10s. 0d. (to be payable in April next at Exchange of 2/41-48 cents per share) and the writing down of the cost of the "Tramway Undertaking" by \$2,441,18s. 8d., leaving to be carried forward \$16,706 14s. 11d.

COMPANY MEETING.

The China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Ltd.

[VERBATIM.]

The twentieth ordinary meeting of the shareholders of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited, was held at the offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, this morning. The chair was occupied by Mr. Robert Shewan and those also present were Mr. H. P. White, Mr. S. H. Dodwell, and Mr. U. Poi-on (Consulting Committee), Mr. J. A. Young (Secretary), and Messrs. A. A. Ferguson, C. Klink, J. M. Gordon, A. Henderson, M. A. Figueiredo, J. Toppin, R. Hancock, A. P. Samy, A. O. Lenz, W. E. Ford, and Tong Lue-chuen, (shareholders).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I presume you will follow the usual course and take the report and accounts as read.

I have no doubt you have found them quite satisfactory, as, in addition to paying our usual dividend of seven per cent., we are able to recommend an addition of \$20,000 to Reserve Fund, as against \$5,000 last year. We are also able to increase the Reserve Fund by \$20,000 from the appreciation in value of our investment in Green Island Cement Co.'s shares, which will now stand in the books at \$19 per share, and so bring up the total amount at credit of Reserve Fund to \$145,000.

As regards the past year's business, we did not handle quite as much cargo in our godowns as we did in 1916, but our rent account was better, and we were also able to put more money out in loans and mortgages.

As for the present year, it has begun well and prospects seem favourable for our business.

There is nothing in the accounts that requires explanation, but I may say with regard to our loans that there is none of them that gives us any anxiety.

With these remarks I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented to this meeting be adopted and passed and when that is seconded I shall be pleased to reply to any remarks from shareholders.

Mr. White:—I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, as there are no questions I now beg to put the adoption of the report and accounts, which have been proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. White. Those in favour kindly signify in the usual manner. Against? Carried unanimously. The next business is to elect the Consulting Committee.

Mr. Ferguson:—Sir, I beg to propose the re-election of Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. H. P. White and Mr. U. Poi-on as members of the Consulting Committee for the ensuing year.

Mr. Klink:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—There election of Messrs. Dodwell, White and U. Poi-on has been proposed by Mr. Ferguson and seconded by Mr. Klink. Those in favour kindly hold up their hands. Against? Carried unanimously. The next business is the re-election of auditors.

Mr. Gordon:—Mr. Chairman, I beg to propose that Messrs. F. Maitland and H. Percy Smith be re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$200 each.

Mr. Hancock:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—The re-election of Messrs. Smith and Maitland as auditors has been proposed by Mr. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Hancock. Those in favour kindly hold up their hands. Against? Carried unanimously. That is all the ordinary business, but we have been asked to make a donation to the Hongkong War Charities Fund.

Whatever we give will be small indeed compared with the sacrifices made by others, so I have no hesitation in putting the proposal before you. I therefore move "That this Company give the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars to the Hongkong War Charities Fund" and have no doubt this motion will be duly seconded.

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"Our Little Bit Society" has forwarded its usual fortnightly parcels of comforts for the troops to Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, London, through the courtesy of Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co., consisting of the following:—7,873 rolled bandages, 190 swabs, 183 flannel many-tailed bandages, 38 eye bandages, 39 pairs surgical stockings, 60 caps, 68 milk covers, 14 pairs socks, 41 floor mops, 4 muffers, 81 suits pyjamas, 6 silk padded waistcoats, 1 set games; also to the Shropshire Light Infantry, Hongkong, 200 pairs socks and 100 muffers.

Mr. Hancock:—I have very much pleasure in seconding that resolution, and I am sure that all shareholders will agree with the resolution.

The Chairman:—It has been proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Hancock. Those in favour kindly hold up their hands. Against? Carried unanimously. That is all the business gentlemen; I am much obliged to you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are now ready.

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